

THE HONORABLE JOHN C. COUGHENOUR

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
WESTERN DISTRICT OF WASHINGTON
AT SEATTLE

C.H., A MINOR, BY AND THROUGH HER
PARENTS, R.H. AND K.R.H.,

Plaintiff,

v.

NORTHSHORE SCHOOL DISTRICT,

Defendant.

CASE NO. C21-1356-JCC

MINUTE ORDER

The following Minute Order is made by direction of the Court, the Honorable John C. Coughenour, United States District Judge:

Before the Court is the parties' stipulated motion for relief from the initial scheduling order and to set a briefing schedule. (Dkt. No. 9). This case is exempt from initial disclosures as an administrative appeal. *See* Fed. R. Civ. P. 26(a)(1)(B)(i) (exempting "an action for review on an administrative record"); Fed. R. Civ. P. 26(f)(1) (not requiring a conference "in a proceeding exempted from initial disclosures"). However, this Court's Local Rule 26(f) "is intended to promote the just, efficient, speedy, and economical determination of *every* action." (Emphasis added). Some of the information which that Rule requires the parties to discuss and address in a joint status report is no less relevant in a case exempt from initial disclosures.

A joint briefing schedule is more efficient than cross motions; but the parties do not

explain why the briefs need to be longer. For cross motions, each side would have 60 pages. *See* W.D. Wash. Local Civ. R. 7(e)(3) (24-page motion, 24-page response, 12-page reply). The parties do not explain why they each need 72. *See* W.D. Wash. Local Civ. R. 7(f) (“Motions seeking approval to file an over-length motion or brief are disfavored . . .”).

Accordingly the parties’ stipulated motion (Dkt. No. 9) is GRANTED in part and DENIED in part. The Court hereby ORDERS that:

1. The current initial case management dates (Dkt. No. 6) are VACATED.
2. The parties’ counsel will meet and discuss, and address in a joint status report due December 13, 2021, the issues described in W.D. Wash. Local Civ. R. 26(f)(1)(A), (B), and (C);
3. Unless modified for good cause, or under W.D. Wash. Local Civ. R. 7(l), briefing will occur as follows:

Brief	Due date	Page limit	Noting date
Plaintiffs’ Opening Motion	December 23, 2021	24 pages	March 11, 2022
District’s Opposition and Cross-Motion	January 28, 2022	48 pages	March 11, 2022
Plaintiff’s Opposition and Reply	February 18, 2022	36 pages	N/A
District’s Reply	March 10, 2022	12 pages	N/A

DATED this 12th day of November 2021.

Ravi Subramanian
Clerk of Court

s/Sandra Rawski
Deputy Clerk